



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 685
PE-L 105**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from :	Budget Committee
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	16722/12 FIN 899
Subject :	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 39/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 39/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 70 million in commitment and payment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Reserves for financial interventions - Differentiated appropriations*) to Article 11 03 01 (*International fisheries agreements*), as recorded in document 16722/12 FIN 899.

2. The mobilisation of the reserve line is needed in order to enable the Commission to cover the annual financial contribution provided for in the fisheries partnership agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, following the adoption by the Commission of the proposal for a Council Decision¹ on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the relevant Protocol.

¹ Doc. 14282/12.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 29 November 2012.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the Commission

copy: President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002¹, as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 39/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

(Complimentary close).

¹ As last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1081/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010.